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epresentatives from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA or Agency) will hold two Public Availability essions at The Talcott Free Library in Rockton, Illinois on **October 7, 2002**. The Public Availability Sessions will be held at **:30 – 3:00 pm** and **6:00 – 7:30 pm**. At that time, representatives from the Illinois EPA will answer questions one-on-one bout the laboratory results for residential well samples taken in May 2002, the Proposed Plan, and future actions planned.

Letters Explaining Sample Results Sent

llinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) sent letters nterpreting and explaining the laboratory results for the rinking water samples taken in May 2002. Property owners vith questions about their most recent laboratory results hould contact Steve Johnson, IDPH Environmental Health pecialist, at 815/987-7511 or Michelle Tebrugge, Illinois EPA Community Relations Coordinator, at 217/524-4825.

Proposed Plan Being Developed

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA) s currently developing a Proposed Plan for the Beloit Corporation Superfund site. This Proposed Plan identifies he cleanup alternatives and summarizes the preferred cleanup trategy and preferred option for the final remedy at this site. Illinois EPA, in concurrence with USEPA, will select a final emedy for the site only after the public has the opportunity to comment on the Proposed Plan. The Proposed Plan will be ncorporated into the Record of Decision (ROD) for the site.

The Agency will actively solicit public review and comment on all alternatives under consideration. As part of the Illinois EPA's community relations efforts, a public hearing will be held to discuss the Proposed Plan and cleanup options. The Illinois EPA will accept written and oral comments on the Proposed Plan prior to selecting the final cleanup remedy. The public hearing and public comment period will be noticed in a local newspaper. Anyone interested in receiving a notification about the Proposed Plan should contact Michelle Tebrugge, Illinois EPA Community Relations Coordinator, at the phone number or address on the back page of this fact sheet. In addition, Agency representatives will also be available to discuss the Proposed Plan at the October 7th Public Availability Sessions.

Feasibility Study Available for Public Review

The Feasibility Study (FS) will soon be available through the administrative record (see back page of fact sheet) for public review at The Talcott Free Library. This document evaluates the various options for cleaning up a site. Each option or alternative must meet nine criteria, including the protection of human health and the environment, compliance with legal requirements, and community acceptance, before it can be considered a viable option.

Information Repository Under Review

Due to the recent terrorist attacks, state and federal governments around the nation are reassessing governmental file information to determine what is potentially security-sensitive. The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA) has established a process to evaluate materials placed in site Information Repositories on a case-by-case basis to determine what can be made public while ensuring the safety of Illinois' citizens. Therefore, the Illinois EPA has temporarily removed the Information Repository for Beloit Corporation Superfund Site from the Talcott Free Library to ensure residential addresses and security-sensitive information complies with the requirements of any new state or federal law protecting potentially sensitive file information. Once this has been accomplished, documents and other pertinent information will again be placed in the library for public review. We anticipate this process with take a number of weeks.

We apologize if this should cause any convenience. If you require documents from the Information Repository, please contact the Freedom of Information Office (FOIA) at 217/782-9878 or by mail at Illinois EPA, Bureau of Land – Records Management Unit, 1021 North Grand Avenue East, P.O. Box 9276, Springfield, Illinois 62702-9276.

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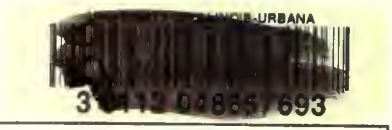
Administrative Record Established

The Illinois EPA will establish an administrative record that includes technical, enforcement, and decision documents and correspondences relied on when selecting a response action. This administrative record will be available on microfiche at The Talcott Free Library for public review.

Prospective Purchasers' Agreement Noticed

A Prospective Purchasers' Agreement (PPA) was recently noticed in the United States Federal Register. The PPA enables the new owners of the former Beloit Corporation manufacturing plant, located north of the village of Rockton, to operate and maintain the interim action (pump & treat system) being conducted at the site. The new owners will also be involved in present and future remedial activities at the site, either directly or indirectly.



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